

face each other and will address these lofty and significant and important questions.

I would suggest that the extent to which this is a bipartisan effort that this gentleman and others who will be appointed as conferees are legitimately part of the dynamics of the give-and-take of the trying to address the myriad difficulties that gave rise to the veto in the first place, that we will, indeed, come back with an effort that is worthy of bipartisan support.

But I simply underscore that, not to take away nor to detract from the comity and the civility that has taken place in the last 30 minutes. There has been too little of that in these Chambers. There has been too little of serious and significant grappling with the critical issues of our time that, Mr. Speaker, I am sure you and I would agree from time to time dwarf us as individuals. The issues of life and death that we confront are awesome, and when we have to put on top of that the stress and the pain of personal difficulties, anger, hostility and discourse that has sometimes characterized the business of this Chamber, it only makes the job worse.

I would simply suggest that the awesome nature of the responsibilities we have are stressful enough, so I hope that the kind of comity that we struck here in terms of our ability to respect each other carries over into 1996. This Chamber needs it. This country needs it. The world needs it.

I do not think the major and massive issues of our time can be confronted with the kind of sharp rhetoric and hostility that has characterized the efforts of these Chambers. So I hope that this will be characteristic. And I am trying to use up all of my 5 minutes in order to give everyone an opportunity.

I think I have done about as able a job as I can, and I would like to thank my distinguished colleague for his cooperation.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. SPENCE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

I would like to just point out, reiterate what the gentleman from California just said.

Remarks being made tonight on this floor by Members on both sides of the aisle point out the fact that this body can act in a bipartisan way. In recent days we have not had too much of this kind of talk. I think it resonates well with the ears of people and in the eyes of people who are looking in and listening tonight.

I would like to reiterate what I said before: We have worked in a bipartisan way on this committee. The bill was reported out by a vote of 38 to 3, and we have been bipartisan in our efforts since that time, and I thank all for their cooperation on the other side of the aisle.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky). The question is on the motion offered by the gen-

tleman from South Carolina [Mr. SPENCE].

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate bill was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time, and passed.

The title of the Senate bill was amended so as to read:

An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1996 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

A motion to reconsider was laid upon the table.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES ON S. 1124, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1996

Mr. SPENCE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the Senate bill (S. 1124) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1996 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes, with House amendments thereto, insist on the House amendments, and request a conference with the Senate thereon.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from South Carolina?

The Chair hears none and, without objection, appoints the following conferees:

From the Committee on National Security, for consideration of the Senate bill and the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. SPENCE, STUMP, HUNTER, BATEMAN, WELDON of Pennsylvania, DELLUMS, MONTGOMERY, and SPRATT.

There was no objection.

MOTION TO CLOSE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS ON S. 1124, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1996 WHEN CLASSIFIED NATIONAL SECURITY INFORMATION IS UNDER CONSIDERATION

Mr. SPENCE. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 6(a) of House rule XXVIII, I move that conference committee meetings on the Senate bill, S. 1124, be closed to the public at such times as classified national security information is under consideration, provided, however, that any sitting Member of Congress shall have the right to attend any closed or open meeting.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from South Carolina [Mr. SPENCE].

On this motion, the vote must be taken by the yeas and nays.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 398, nays 1, not voting 34, as follows:

[Roll No. 10]

YEAS—398

Abercrombie	Dingell	Jackson (IL)
Ackerman	Dixon	Jackson-Lee
Allard	Doggett	(TX)
Andrews	Dooley	Jacobs
Archer	Doolittle	Jefferson
Bachus	Dornan	Johnson (CT)
Baesler	Doyle	Johnson (SD)
Baker (CA)	Dreier	Johnson, E.B.
Baldacci	Duncan	Johnson, Sam
Ballenger	Dunn	Jones
Barcia	Durbin	Kanjorski
Barr	Edwards	Kaptur
Barrett (NE)	Ehlers	Kasich
Barrett (WI)	Ehrlich	Kelly
Bartlett	Emerson	Kennedy (MA)
Barton	Engel	Kennedy (RI)
Bass	English	Kennelly
Bateman	Ensign	Kildee
Becerra	Eshoo	Kim
Beilenson	Evans	King
Bentsen	Everett	Kingston
Bereuter	Ewing	Klecza
Bevill	Farr	Klink
Bilbray	Fattah	Klug
Bilirakis	Fawell	Knollenberg
Bishop	Fields (LA)	Kolbe
Bliley	Filner	LaFalce
Blute	Flake	LaHood
Boehlert	Flanagan	Largent
Boehner	Foglietta	Latham
Bonilla	Foley	LaTourette
Bonior	Forbes	Laughlin
Bono	Ford	Lazio
Borski	Fox	Leach
Boucher	Frank (MA)	Levin
Brewster	Franks (CT)	Lewis (CA)
Browder	Franks (NJ)	Lewis (GA)
Brown (CA)	Frelinghuysen	Lewis (KY)
Brown (FL)	Frisa	Lincoln
Brown (OH)	Frost	Linder
Brownback	Funderburk	Lipinski
Bryant (TN)	Furse	Livingston
Bunn	Gallegly	LoBiondo
Bunning	Gejdenson	Longley
Burton	Gekas	Lowe
Buyer	Gephardt	Lucas
Callahan	Geren	Luther
Calvert	Gibbons	Maloney
Camp	Gilchrest	Manton
Campbell	Gillmor	Manzullo
Canady	Gilman	Markey
Cardin	Gonzalez	Martinez
Castle	Goodlatte	Martini
Chabot	Goodling	Mascara
Chambliss	Gordon	Matsui
Chenoweth	Goss	McCarthy
Christensen	Graham	McCollum
Clay	Green	McCreery
Clayton	Greenwood	McDade
Clement	Gunderson	McDermott
Clinger	Gutierrez	McHale
Clyburn	Gutknecht	McHugh
Coble	Hall (OH)	McInnis
Coburn	Hall (TX)	McIntosh
Coleman	Hamilton	McKeon
Collins (GA)	Hancock	McKinney
Collins (IL)	Hansen	McNulty
Collins (MI)	Harman	Meehan
Combest	Hastert	Meek
Condit	Hastings (FL)	Menendez
Conyers	Hastings (WA)	Metcalf
Cooley	Hayworth	Meyers
Costello	Hefley	Mfume
Cox	Hefner	Mica
Coyne	Heineman	Miller (CA)
Cramer	Herger	Miller (FL)
Crane	Hilleary	Minge
Crapo	Hilliard	Mink
Creameans	Hinchey	Moakley
Cubin	Hobson	Molinari
Cunningham	Hoekstra	Mollohan
Danner	Hoke	Moorhead
Davis	Holden	Moran
de la Garza	Horn	Murtha
Deal	Hostettler	Myrick
DeLauro	Houghton	Nadler
DeLay	Hoyer	Neal
Dellums	Hunter	Nethercutt
Deutsch	Hutchinson	Neumann
Diaz-Balart	Hyde	Ney
Dickey	Inglis	Norwood
Dicks	Istook	Nussle